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Murders and Non-Fatal Shootings Trend

2015 Annual Report

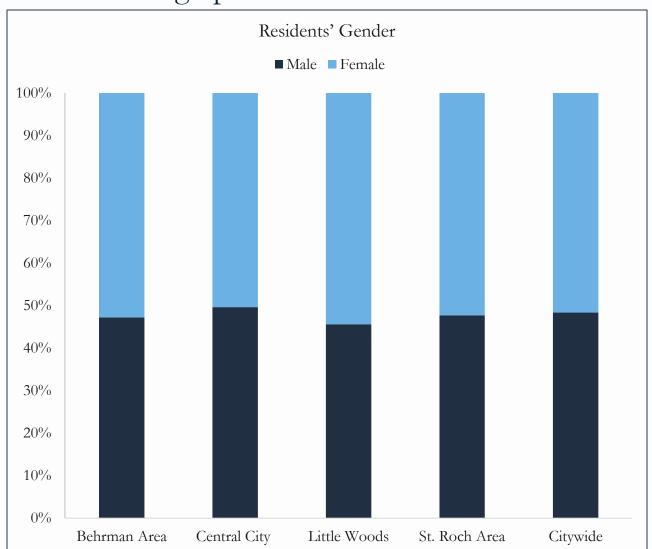
Report Overview

- This report provides analysis of murders and non-fatal shootings in New Orleans during 2015
- It examines the number of incidents and victims, the contextual environment of incidents, modality of violence, characteristics of victims, and characteristics of arrested suspects in cleared cases
- These factors were analyzed geographically to highlight differences between the NOLA FOR LIFE target areas and the city as a whole:
 - Behrman Area
 - Central City
 - Little Woods
 - St. Roch Area
- The data was collected from several datasets and databases maintained by the New Orleans Police Department, and the analyses were conducted by staff in the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Coordination



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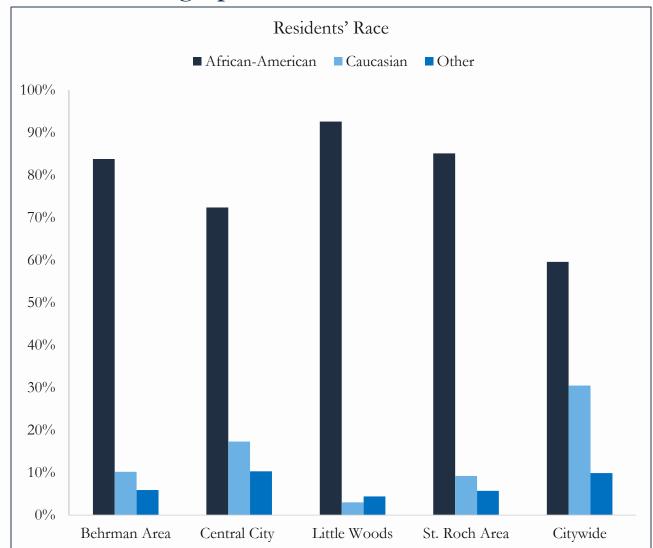
The four Target
 Neighborhoods are similar in gender distribution compared to the citywide representation





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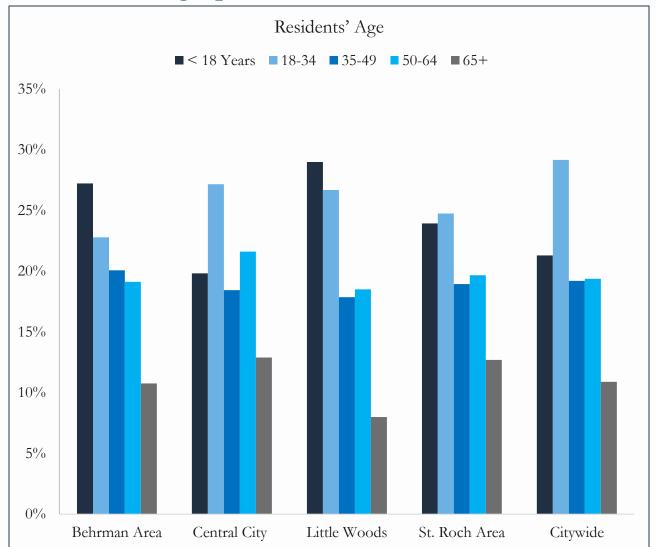
 The proportion of residents who are African-American is much higher in the Target Neighborhoods than citywide





Demographics

- Central City more closely mirrors the age distribution of the city than the other Target Neighborhoods
- The Behrman Area and Little Woods are at least 6 percentage points more residents younger than 18 years old than the citywide comparison





Socioeconomic Indicators

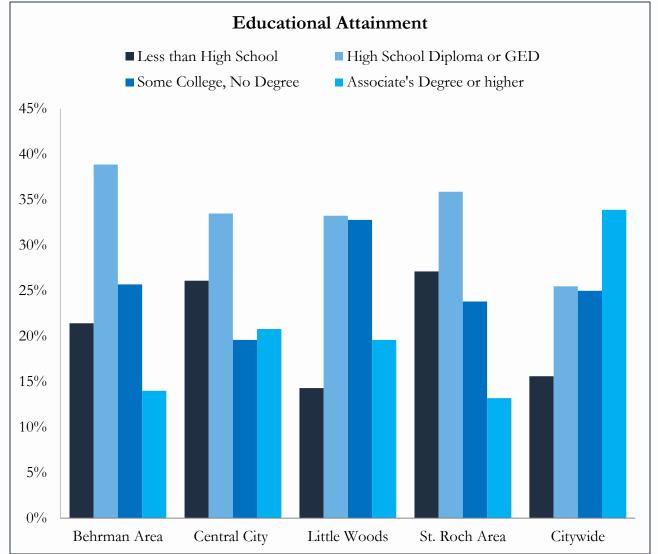
- The average annual household income is more than 40% less in the Target Neighborhoods than the citywide comparison (\$35,976 vs. \$60,280)
- A higher proportion of residents in Central City and the St. Roch Area are not earning a salary, wage, or self-employed income when compared to the Citywide benchmark (+14 and +15 percentage points respectively)
- A higher proportion of residents in Central City and the St. Roch Area are living below the poverty level when compared to the Citywide benchmark (both are +15 percentage points respectively)
- More residents of all Target Neighborhoods are spending 30% or more of their household income on rent than the Citywide comparison
- St. Roch, highlighted in red, performed worse in each category amongst the Target Neighborhoods when compared citywide

	% NOT Earning a Salary, Wage, or Self-Employed Income	Average Annual Household Income	% Living Below the Poverty Level	% Spending >=30% of Household Income on Rent
Behrman Area	17%	\$38,658	26%	42%
Central City	32%	\$35,687	42%	37%
Little Woods	21%	\$40,222	32%	36%
St. Roch Area	33%	\$29,335	42%	46%
Citywide	18%	\$60,280	27%	35%



Educational Indicators

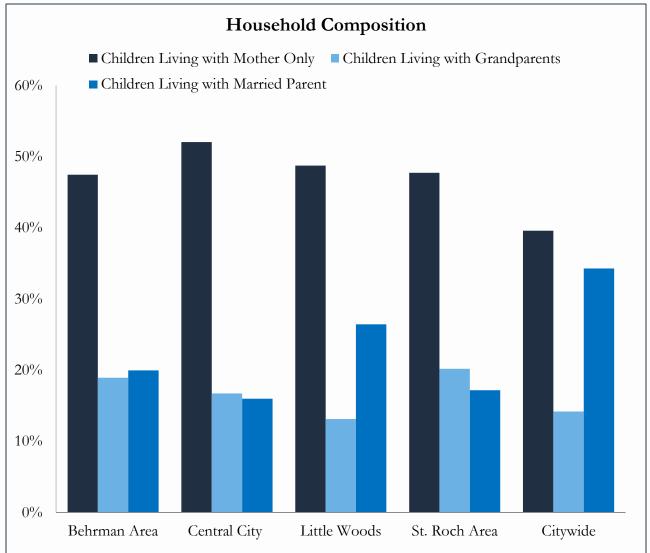
Although a greater
 percentage of residents in
 the Target Neighborhoods
 have a high school diploma
 than citywide residents,
 college attendance and
 degree obtainment see an
 opposite trend





Social Indicator

- Similar to the citywide comparison, the plurality of Target Neighborhood households are children living only with their mother
- Among Target
 Neighborhoods, Little
 Woods has the largest
 percentage of households in
 which children lived with a
 married parent (25%)





2015 Murder and Non-Fatal Shootings in Review

- There were 164 murders in 2015 (avg. 13.6 per month)
 - Murders were up 9.3% (+14) over 2014
 - The 7th District had the most murders (44)
 - Little Woods, in the 7th District, had the most murders of any neighborhood (17)
 - 30% (50) of 2015 murders were cleared within the calendar year
- There were 39 murder victims within the NOLA FOR LIFE target group (African-American male age 16-24) (24%)
- There were 340 non-fatal shooting victims in 2015 (avg. 28.3 per month)
 - Non-fatal shootings were down 13.5% (-53) under 2014
 - The 5th District had the most non-fatal shootings (71)
 - Central City, in the 6th District, had the most non-fatal shootings of any neighborhood (46)
 - 26% (89) of 2015 non-fatal shootings were cleared within the calendar year
- There were 116 non-fatal shooting victims within the NOLA FOR LIFE target group (African-American male age 16-24) (34%)

Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.

2015 in Review Continued

Summary of Murders

- Majority of murder victims were African-American males (77%)
- The average age of a murder victim was 32 years old
- Murder victims were more likely to be killed in a public space (61%) and were more likely to be drug related (26%)
- A handgun was the most commonly used weapon in a murder (75%)
- The majority of arrested murder suspects were African-American males (87%)
- The average age of an arrested murder suspect was 29 years old

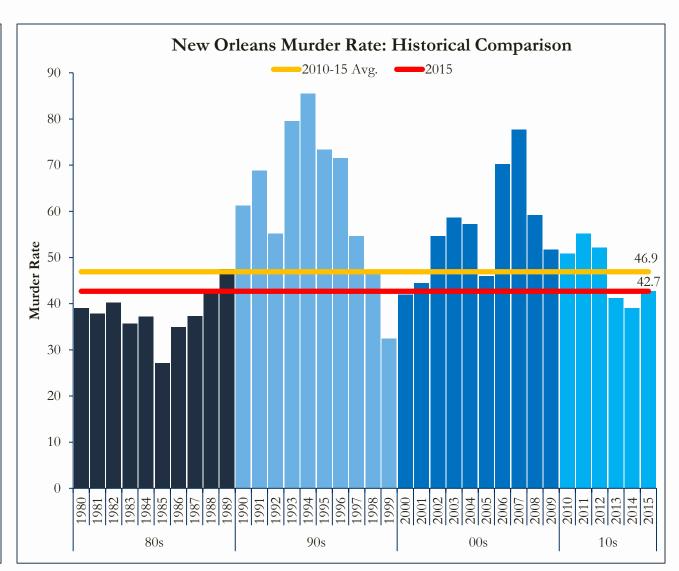
Summary of Non-fatal Shootings

- Majority of non-fatal shooting victims were African-American males (77%)
- The average age of a non-fatal shooting victim was 29 years old
- Non-fatal shooting victims were more likely to be shot in a public space (64%) and were equally likely to be drug related or the result of a retaliation or feud (26%)
- A handgun was the most commonly used firearm in a non-fatal shooting (78%)
- Arrested non-fatal shooting suspects were commonly African-American males (86%)
- The average age of an arrested non-fatal shooting suspect was 30 years old



Historical Murder Trend

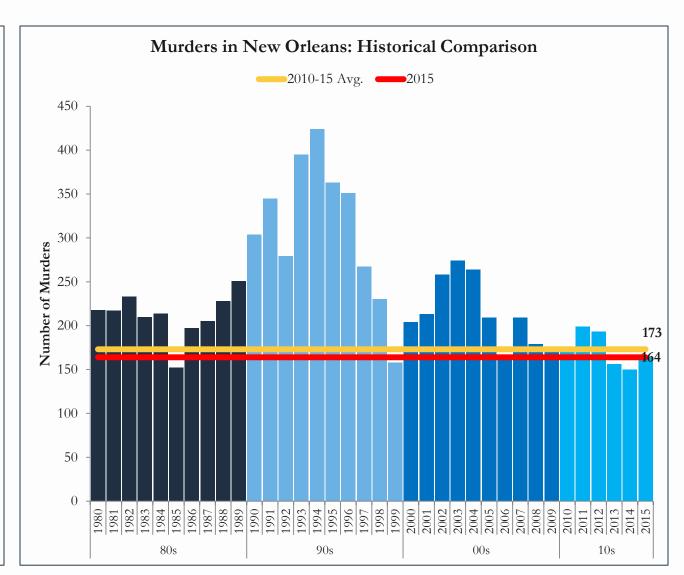
- In 2015, New Orleans' murder rate (42.7) continued the trend of being lower than its average since 2010 (46.9)
- The New Orleans murder rate was almost 15 points lower in 2015 (42.7) than it was in 2004 (57.2), the year before Hurricane Katrina a decade ago
- The average New Orleans murder rate since 2010 (46.9) was more than 36% lower than it was two decades ago during the same 6 year span (1990-1995: 70.6)



Average Murder Rate by Decade: 1980s – 37.9; 1990s – 63; 2000s – 56.2; 2010s – 46.9

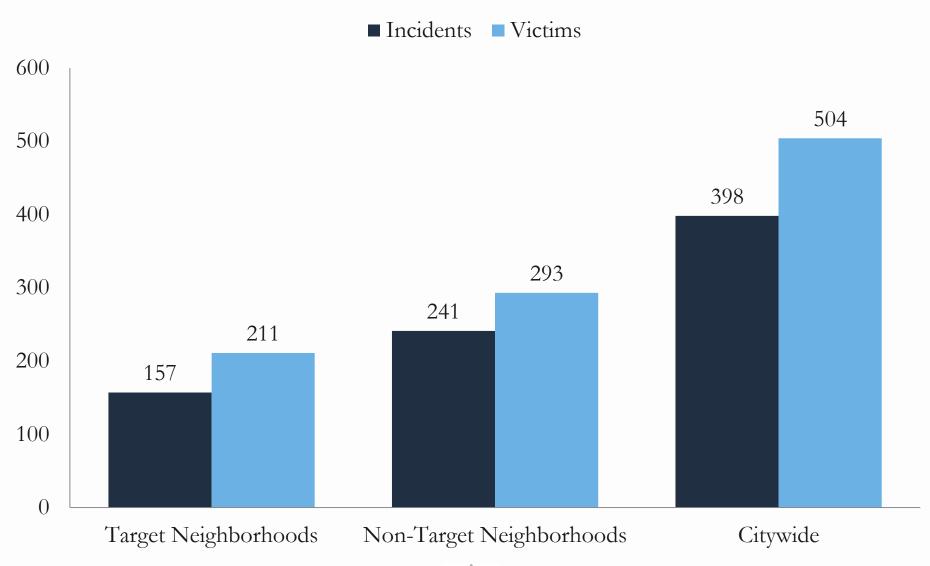
Historical Murder Trend

- In 2015, the number of murders (164) in New Orleans continued the trend of being lower than the average (173) since 2010
- The number of murders in New Orleans was 38% lower in 2015 (164) than it was in 2004 (264), the year before Hurricane Katrina a decade ago
- Since 2010, the average number of murders in New Orleans (173) was more than 50% lower than it was two decades ago during the same 6 year span (1990-1995: 352)



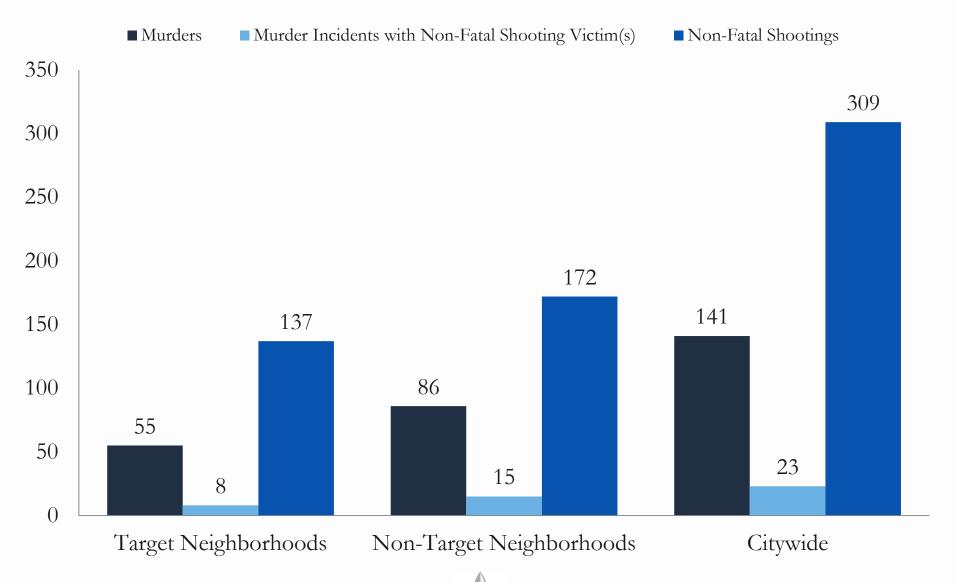
Average Murder Count by Decade: 1980s – 212.5; 1990s – 311.6; 2000s – 214.6; 2010s – 172.6

Murders and Non-Fatal Shootings – 2015

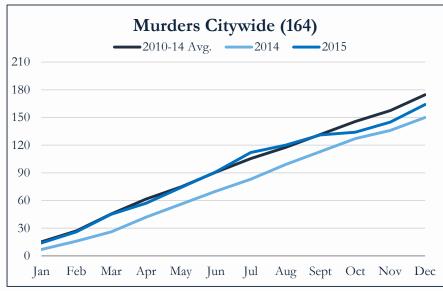


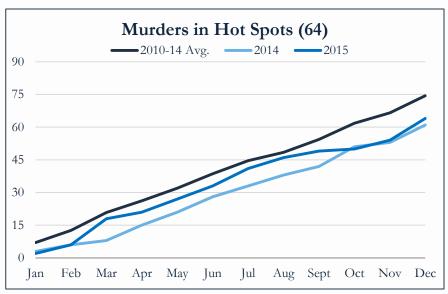


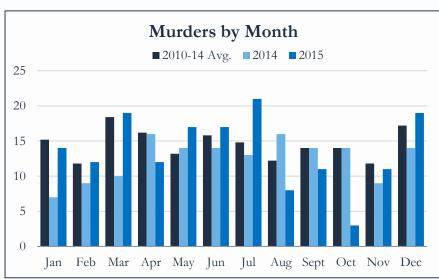
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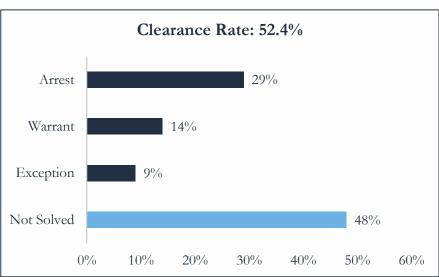


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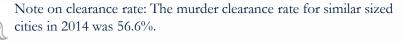






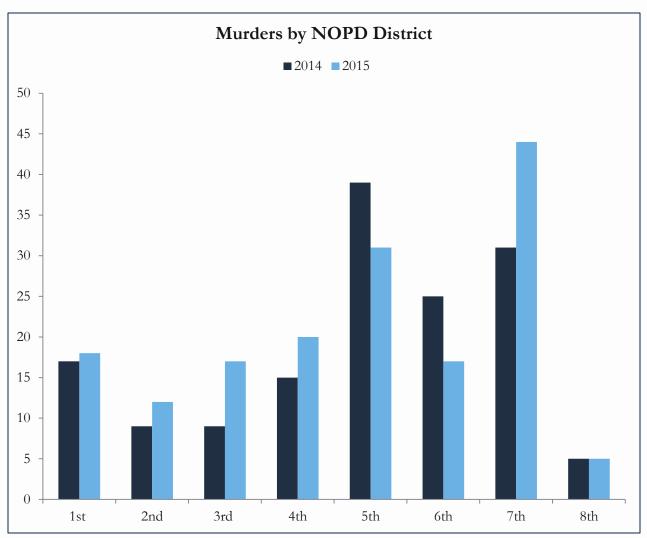


Note on murders: Totals do not include justifiable/negligent homicides or police shootings.



Murders by District

- The plurality of murders occurred in the 7th District in 2015 compared to 2014 where they mostly occurred in the 5th District (27% and 26%, respectively)
- The 7th District saw the largest increase in murders compared to the other Districts in 2014 (+13)
- The 5th and 6th District each experienced 8 fewer murders compared to 2014

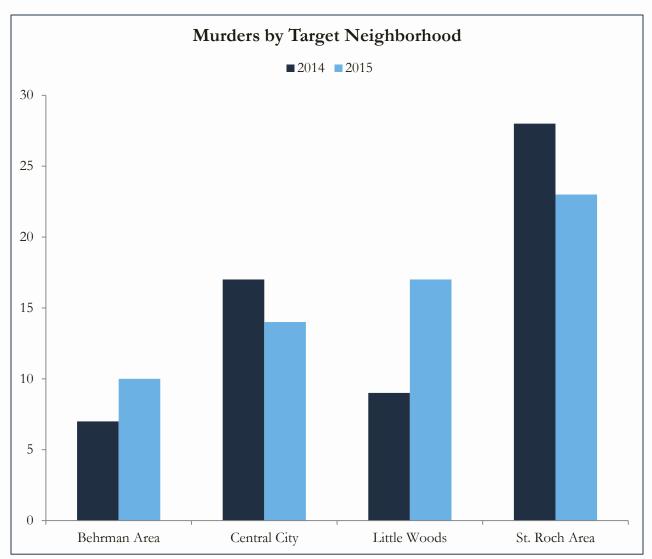


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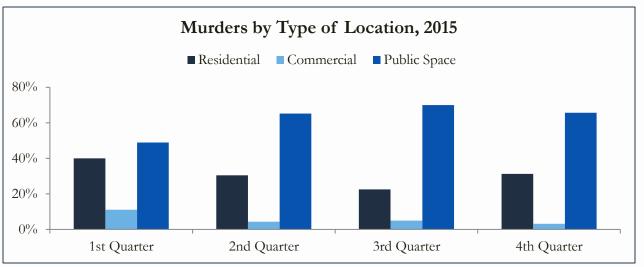
Murders by Target Neighborhood

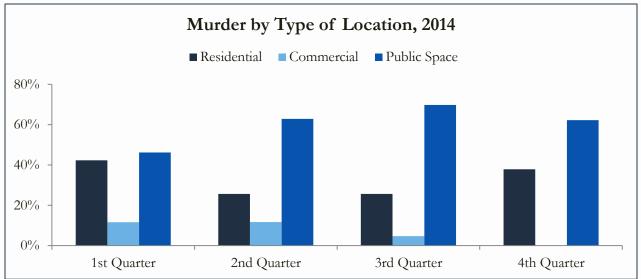
- Similar to 2014, more murders occurred in the St. Roch Area than other Target Neighborhoods
- The fewest murders occurred in the Behrman Area for 2 consecutive years
- Murders in Little Woods increased by more than 88% (+8)





- There was no significant change in where murders occurred between 2014 and 2015
- The majority of murders were committed in a public space (63%)
- Murders occurred the least in commercial locations (6%)
- Murders in residential locations steadily declined through the 3rd Quarter in 2015 before a slight increase in the 4th Quarter, mirroring a trend seen in 2014 as well

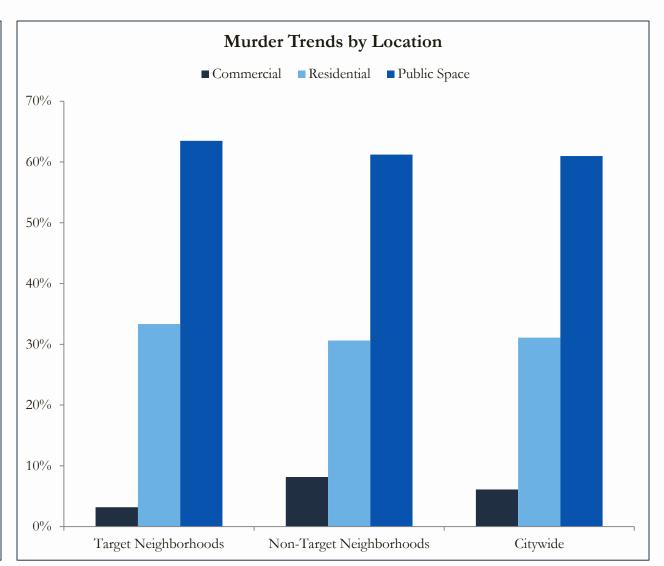




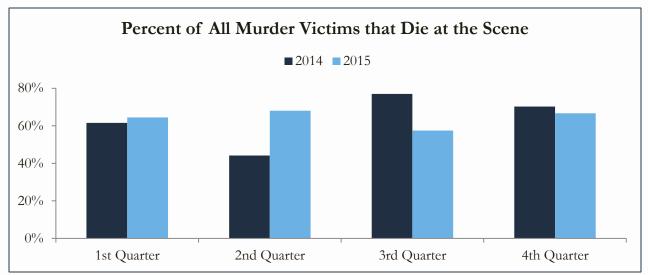


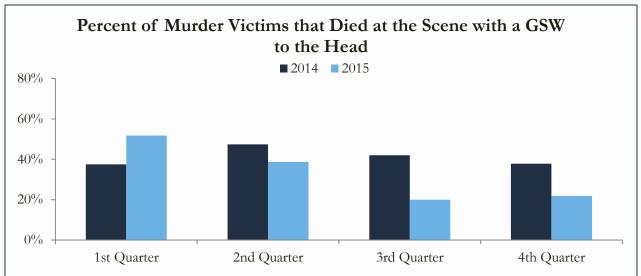
By Target Neighborhoods, Non-Target Neighborhoods, and Citywide, 2015

- There was no significant difference in murder locations between the Target and Non-Target Neighborhoods
- Murder victims were most likely to be killed in a public space than any other location in both Target and Non-Target Neighborhoods



- Murder victims were more likely to die at the scene of an incident than en route to or at a medical facility (64%)
- The percent of murder victims that died at the scene with a GSW to the head steadily declined from the 1st Quarter and finished the year at 22% in the 4th Quarter
- Three fewer murder victims died at the scene with a GSW to the head compared to 2014



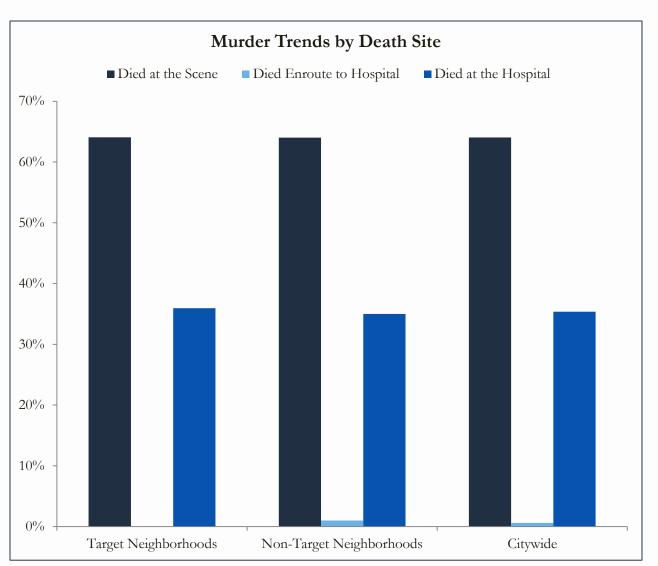


Note: GSW = Gunshot wound

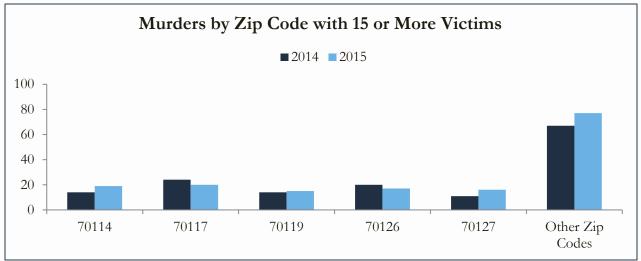


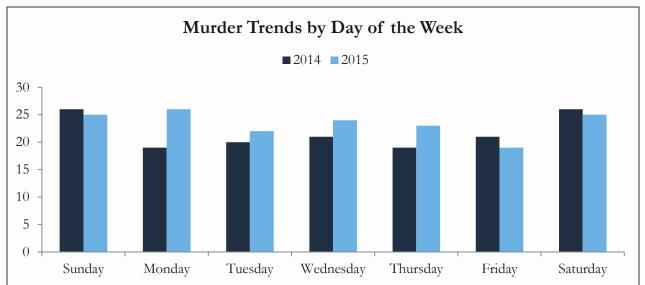
By Target Neighborhoods, Non-Target Neighborhoods, and Citywide, 2015

- There is no significant difference in death sites between the Target and Non-Target Neighborhoods
- Only 1 victim died en route to the hospital; this incident occurred in a Non-Target Neighborhood



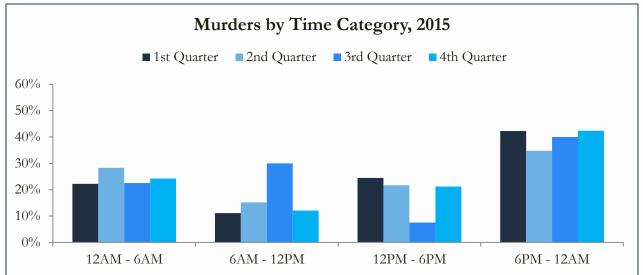
- Fifty-three percent (87) of all murders in 2015 occurred in 5 zip codes (33% of the population); 11 zip codes account for the remaining 47% of murder victims
- Of the 5 zip codes with 15 or more murders in 2015, 70117 and 70126 decreased under 2014 (-4 and -3, respectively)
- Murders on the weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) slightly declined under 2014
- Murders during the week (Monday through Thursday) increased by an average of 3.5 murder victims per day over 2014

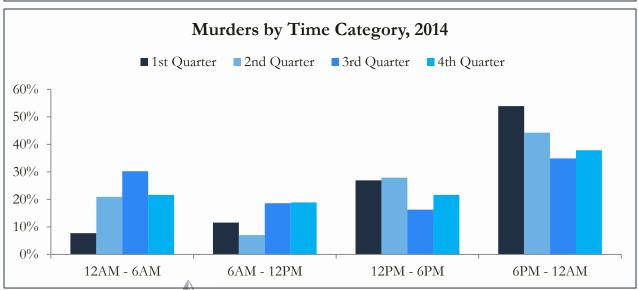






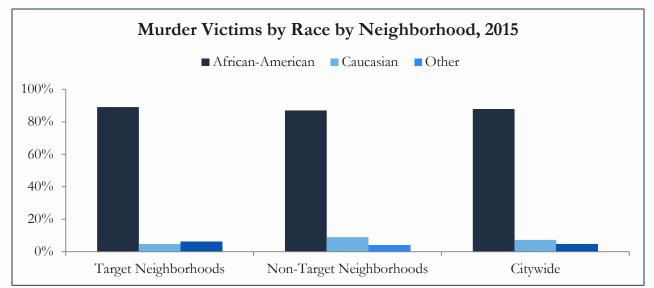
- There is no significant difference in the murder distribution across time categories between 2015 and 2014
- Murders are more likely to occur in the evening between 6PM and 12AM

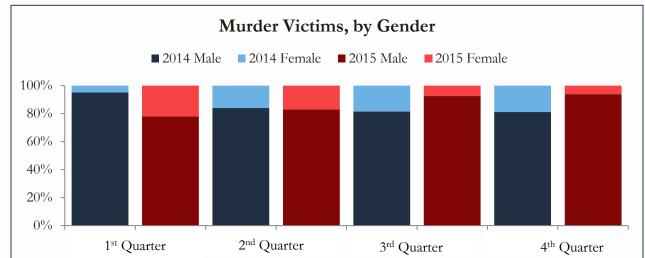




Murder Victims' Demographics

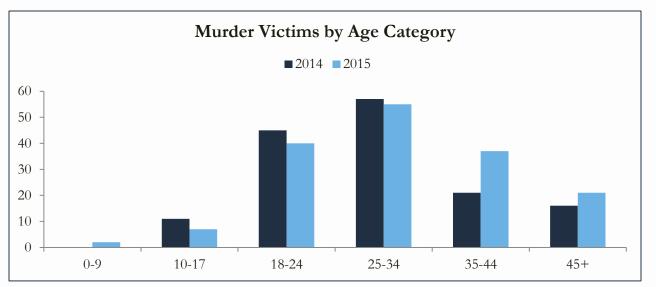
- Most murder victims were African-American in both Target and Non-Target Neighborhoods
- The proportion of female murder victims steadily decreased throughout 2015 from 22% in the 1st Quarter to 6% in the 4th Quarter
- Although the proportion of female murder victims decreased during 2015, from 22% in Q1 to 6% in Q4, the total year did not differ significantly from the 2014 proportion

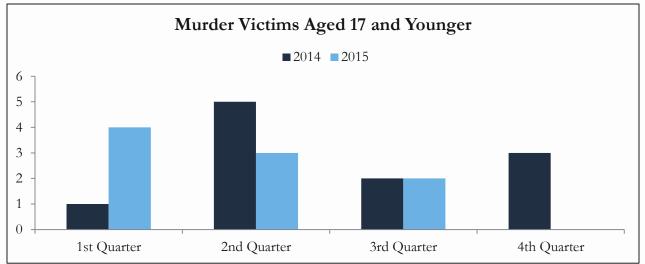




Murder Victims' Demographics

- Two murder victims in 2015 are not included because their age was not reported
- In 2015, there were two murder victims younger than 10 years old
- Murder victims aged 17 and younger decreased by 18% under 2014 (-2)
- Murder victims between 18 and 34 decreased by 7% under 2014 (-7)
- There were 21 more victims over the age of 34 compared to 2014



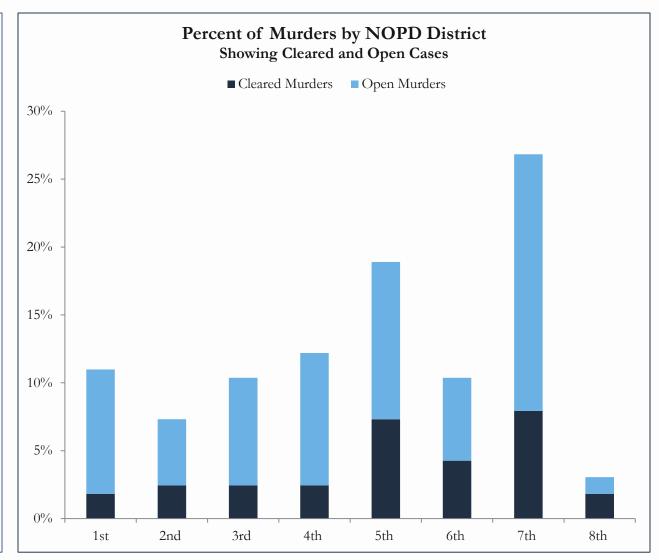




Murder Clearance Rate

By NOPD District

- The 2015 clearance rate reported to the FBI is 30.5%, which is calculated by dividing the number of murders cleared in the year regardless of the year it occurred by the total number of murders in 2015
- Forty-eight of 2015 murders were cleared in the calendar year (29.6%)
- The 7th District accounted for the most murders of all districts (27%) and 30% of its cases were cleared (13)
- Sixty percent of the 8th District's cases were cleared (3), the most of any district



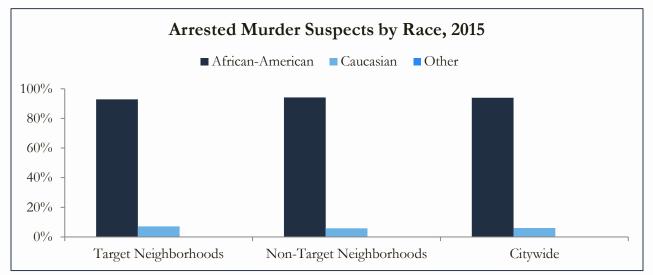
Note: Murder clearance rate is calculated by dividing the number of murders cleared by arrest, warrant, and exception by the total number of murders

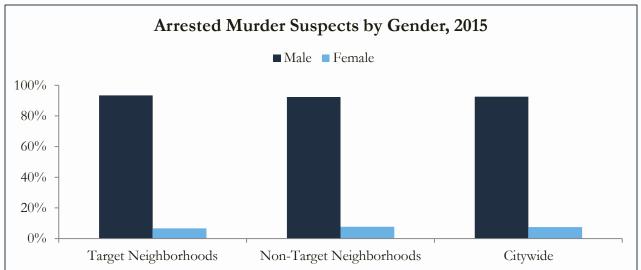
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Arrested Murder Suspects' Demographics

By Target Neighborhoods, Non-Target Neighborhoods, and Citywide, 2015

- There were 67 suspects arrested for murder in 2015
- Eighty-eight percent (59)
 of all arrested murder
 suspects were African American males
- Over 90% of the arrested murder suspects in both the Target and Non-Target Neighborhoods were African-American
- Over 90% of the arrested murder suspects in both the Target and Non-Target Neighborhoods were males

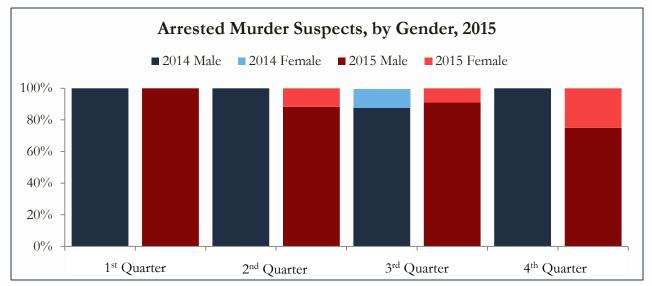


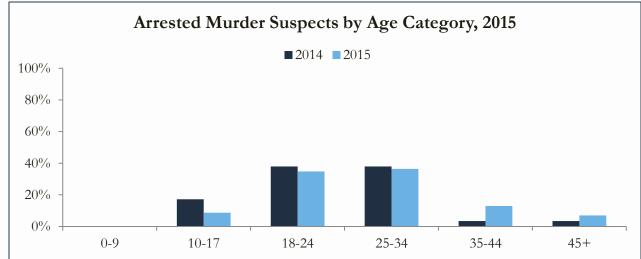


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Arrested Murder Suspects' Demographics

- There were 4 more female arrested murder suspects in 2015 compared to 2014
- Twenty-five percent of the arrested murder suspects in Q4 2015 were female
- The proportion of arrested murder suspects aged 35 and older increased by 11 percentage points over 2014



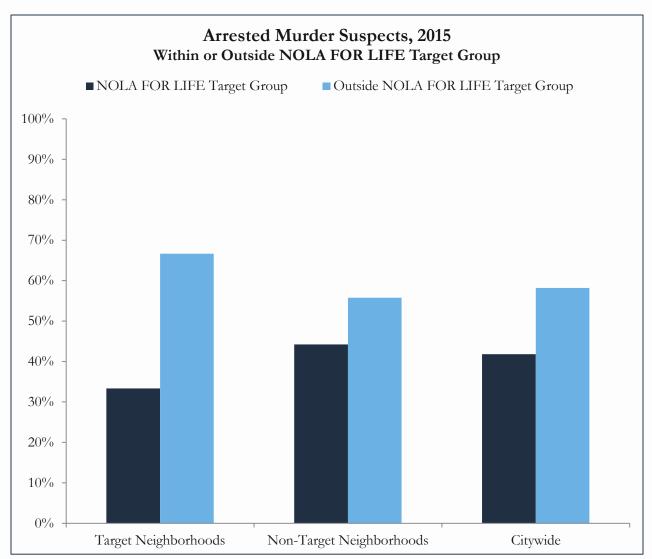




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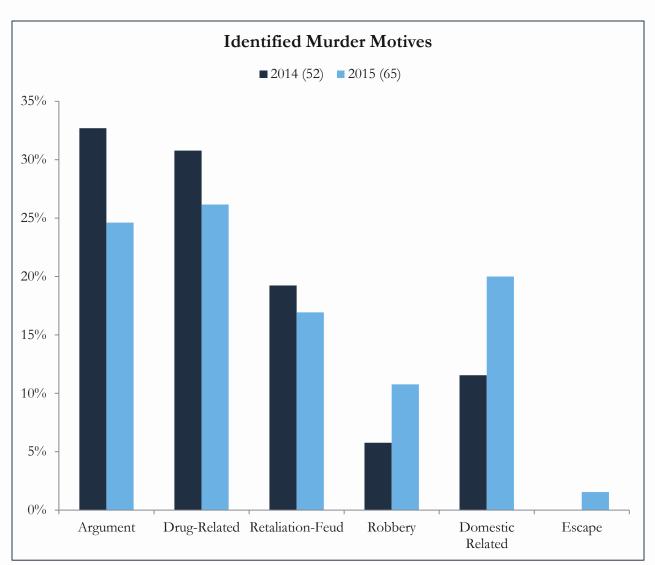
- Arrested murder suspects in both Target and Non-Target Neighborhoods were more likely to be outside the NOLA FOR LIFE target group of African-American males between the ages of 16-24 because they were older than 24 years old
- The average age of an arrested murder suspect older than the NOLA FOR LIFE target group was 36 years old





Identified Murder Motives

- Murders related to drugs or resulting from arguments and retaliation/feuds all decreased under 2014 (-5, -8, and -2 percentage points respectively)
- In 2015, there was an increase in murders as a result of robberies and domestic related incidents (+5 and +8 percentage points respectively)
- The increase in domestic-related murders occurred in early 2015, but was not sustained throughout the remainder of the year

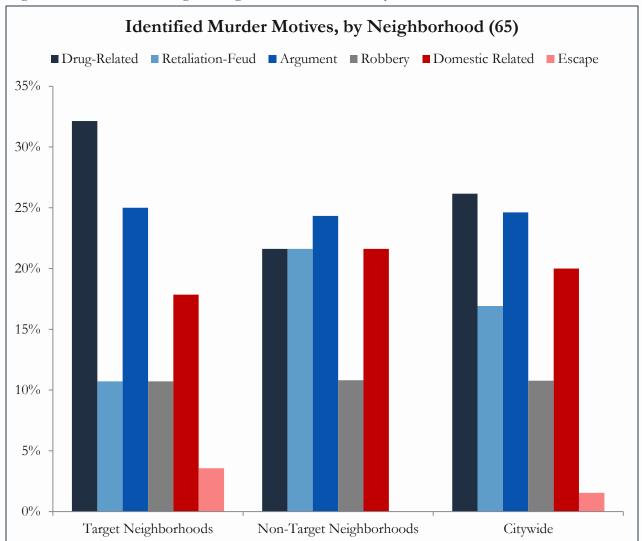




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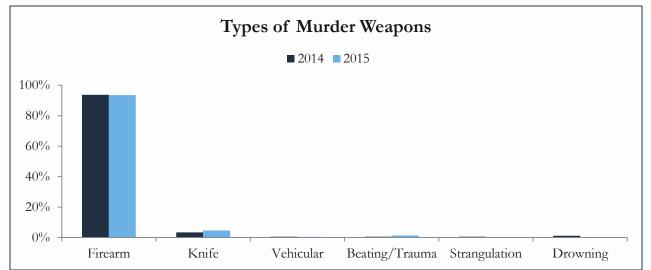
- Similar to the citywide comparison, the plurality of murder motives identified in Target Neighborhoods were drug related in 2015
- A murder resulting from a retaliation/feud was most common in the Non-Target Neighborhoods
- The proportion of domestic-related murders was smaller in Target Neighborhoods compared to Non-Target Neighborhoods

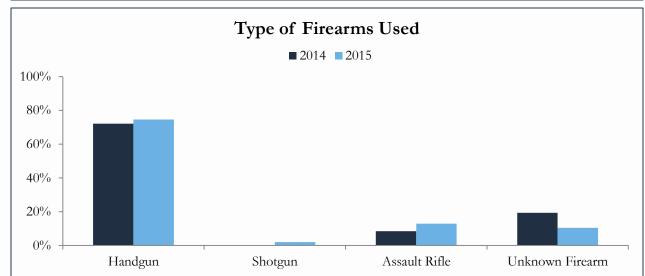


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Murder Weapons

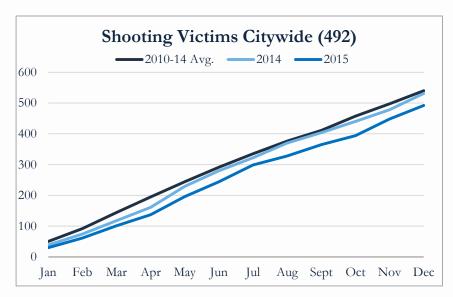
- More than 90% of all weapons used in murder incidents were some form of firearm
- Three out of four firearms used in a murder in 2015 were handguns

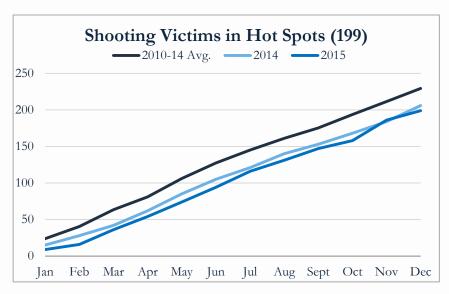


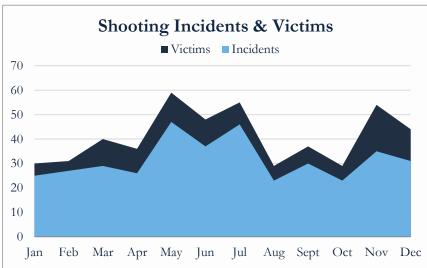


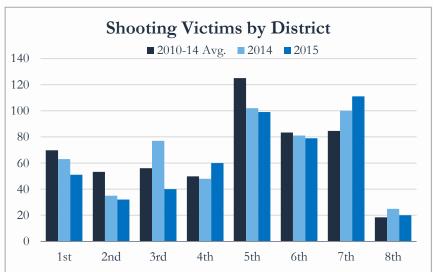


Shooting Trends





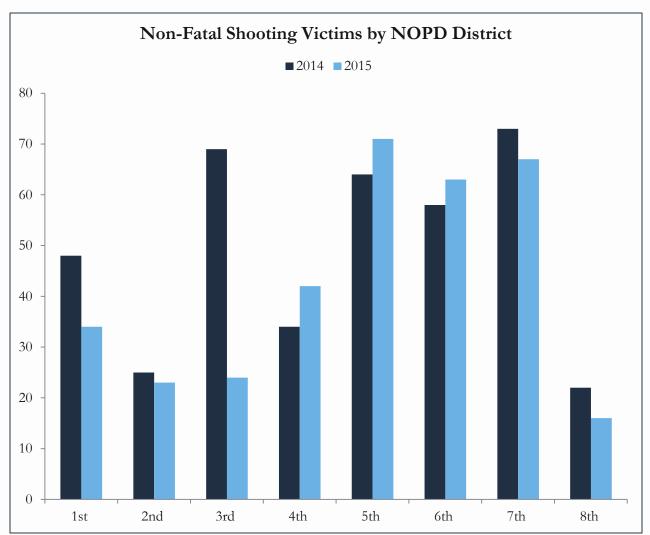




Note on shootings: The number of shootings presented in these graphs are those that are known to NOPD. Shootings that did not strike an individual 33 are not included.

Non-Fatal Shooting Victims by District

- The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, and 8th Districts all experienced a decline in non-fatal shooting victims
- Nearly 60% of all nonfatal shooting victims were shot in the 5th, 6th, and 7th Districts
- The 3rd District saw the greatest decrease under 2014 (-54; -65%) compared to other Districts in 2014

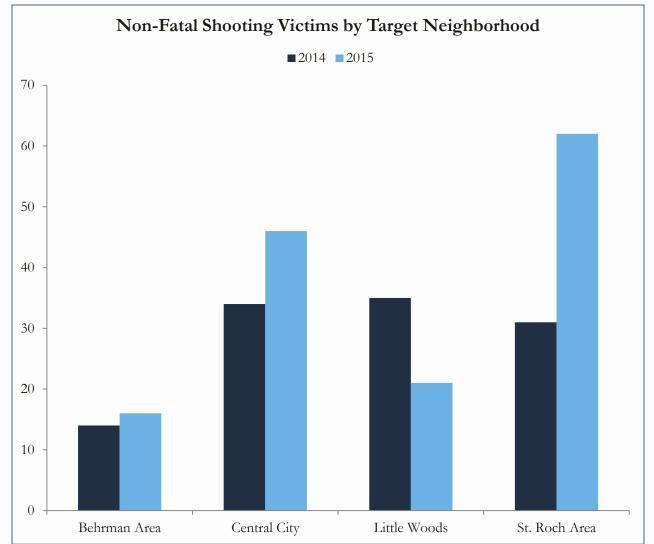


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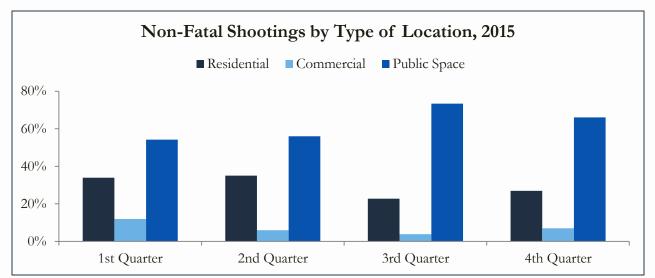
Non-Fatal Shooting Victims by Target Neighborhood

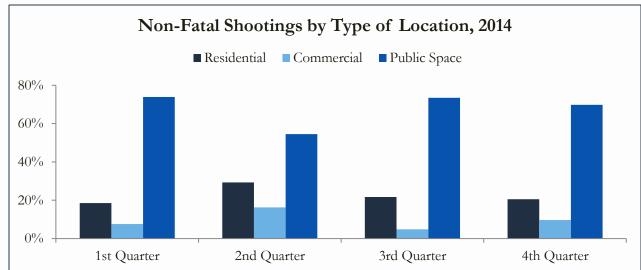
- Little Woods was the only Target
 Neighborhood to show a decline in non-fatal shooting victims (-40%)
- St. Roch Area experienced the largest change over 2014 when it accounted for only 27% of all the Target Neighborhoods' nonfatal shooting victims to making up almost 43% in 2015



Non-Fatal Shooting Trends

- There was no significant change in where non-fatal shooting victims were shot from 2014 to 2015
- The majority of nonfatal shooting victims were shot in a public space (66%)
- Similar to 2014, nonfatal shooting victims were least likely to be shot in a commercial area



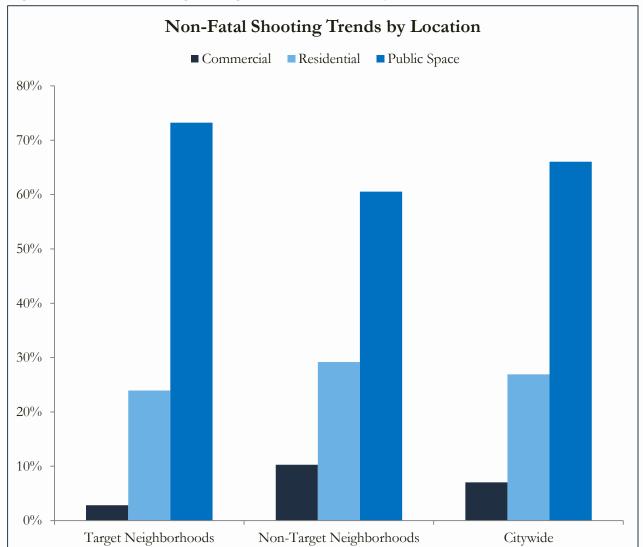




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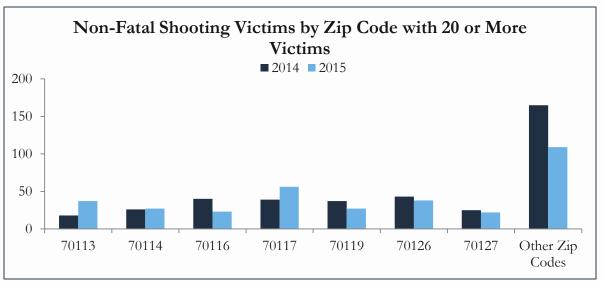
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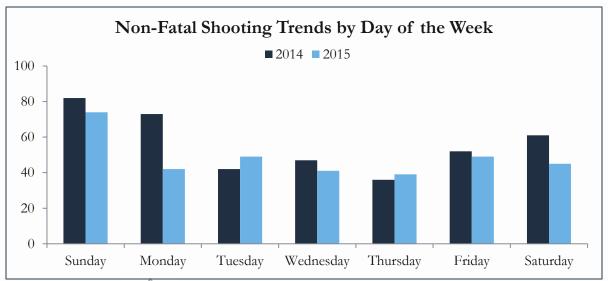
 Non-fatal shooting victims were most likely to be shot in a public space in both Target and Non-Target Neighborhoods



Non-Fatal Shooting Trends

- Almost 68% (230) of all nonfatal shooting victims in 2015 were shot in 7 zip codes (39% of the population); 10 zip codes account for the remaining 32% of non-fatal shooting victims
- Four of the 7 zip codes decreased under their 2014 respective totals (70116: -17; 70119: -10; 70126: -5; and 70127: -3)
- With the exception of Sundays, the number of nonfatal shooting victims did not differ much among the days of the week
- With the exception of Tuesday and Thursdays, the total number of non-fatal shooting victims decreased on every day under 2014

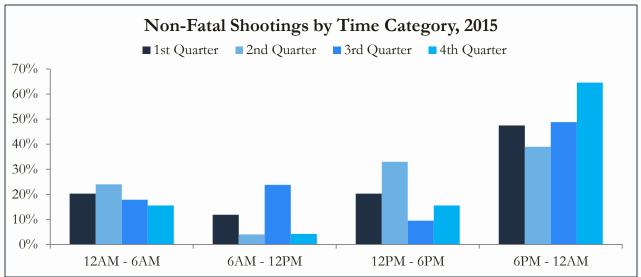


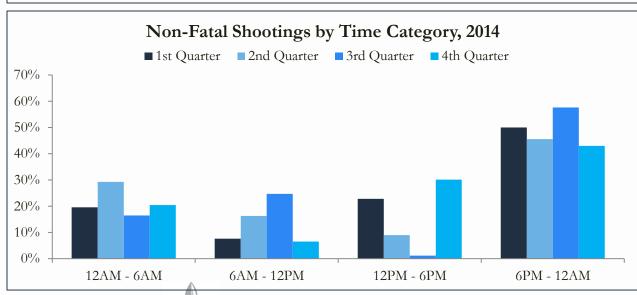




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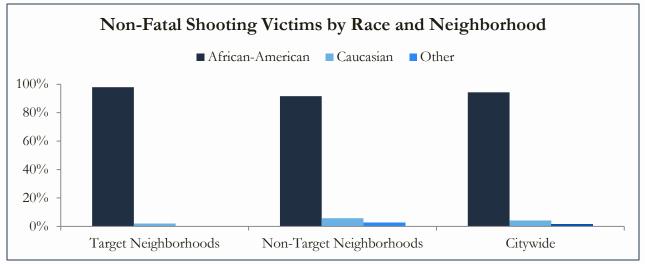
- 2015 was similar to 2014 in the distribution of non-fatal shooting victims across time categories
- Non-fatal shooting victims are more likely to be shot in the evening (6PM-12AM)

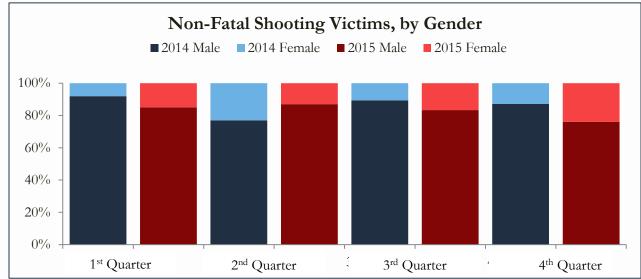




Non-Fatal Shooting Victims' Demographics

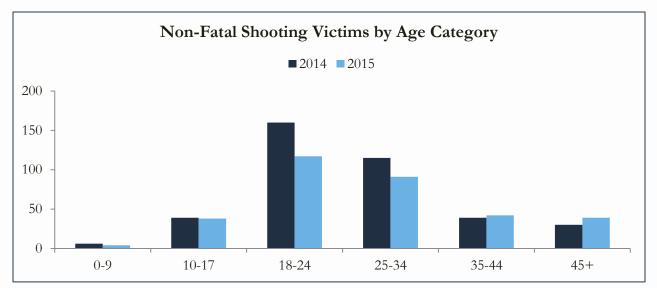
- Most non-fatal shooting victims were African-American in both Target and Non-Target Neighborhoods
- The majority of nonfatal shooting victims were male
- Female non-fatal shooting victims averaged about 17% (+3 percentage points over 2014) of victims before increasing to 24% in the 4th Quarter

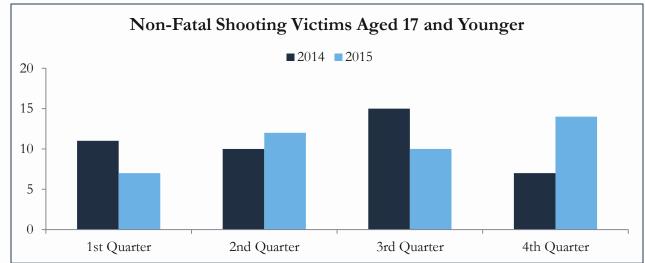




Non-Fatal Shooting Victims' Demographics

- There were 4 non-fatal shooting victims younger than 10 years old
- The total number of non-fatal shooting victims younger than 35 years old decreased under 2014 (-58; -15%)
- Non-fatal shooting victims younger than 18 doubled in the 4th Quarter over the same quarter in 2014 (+7)

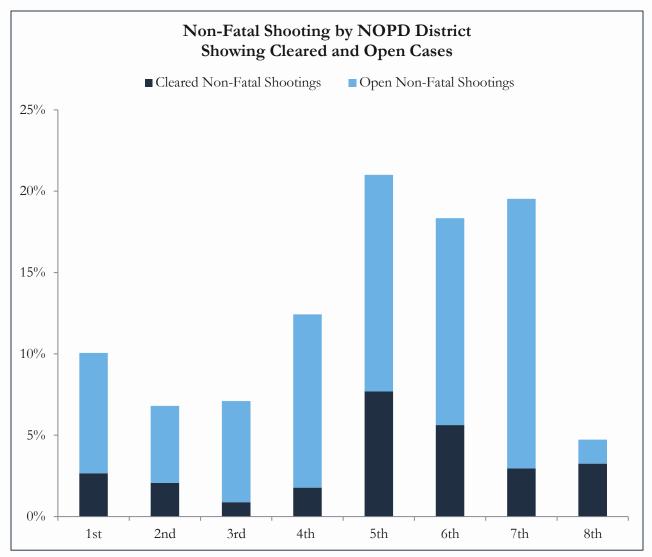






Non-Fatal Shooting Clearance Rate by NOPD District

- Police jurisdictions do not report a non-fatal shooting clearance rate to the FBI the way they do for murder. Only aggravated assaults as a whole are reported. Therefore, a shooting clearance rate akin to the murder clearance rate is unavailable.
- Fifty-five (55) of the 2015 non-fatal shooting incidents were cleared in the calendar year 2015 (22.2%)
- Sixty-nine (69%) of the 8th District's cases were cleared (11); the highest portion of any district



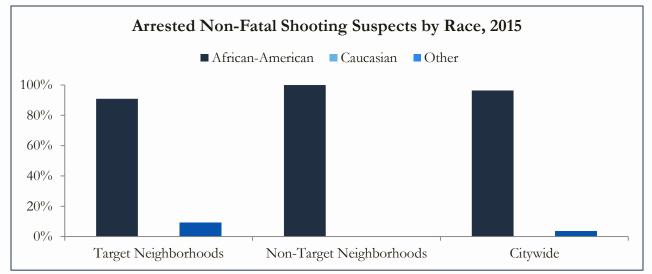
Note: Non-fatal shooting clearance rate is calculated by dividing the number of non-fatal shooting incidents cleared by arrest, warrant, and exception by the total number of non-fatal shootings incidents

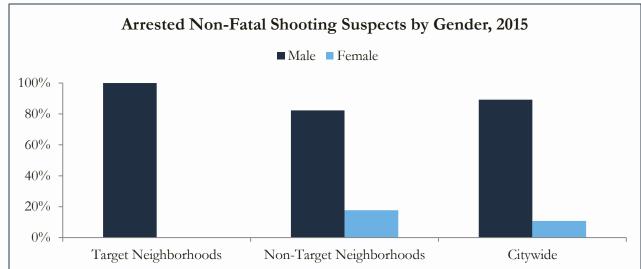


Target Neighborhoods are located in the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Districts.

Arrested Non-Fatal Shooting Suspects' Demographics

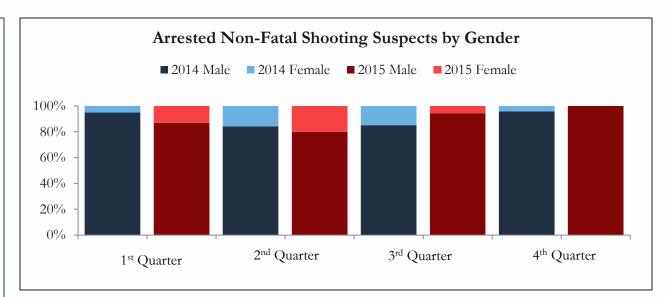
- There were 28 suspects arrested for a non-fatal shooting in 2015
- Ninety-six percent (96%) of all arrested non-fatal shooting suspects were African-American (100% in Non-Target Neighborhoods)
- Arrested non-fatal shooting suspects in Target Neighborhoods were exclusively male compare to Non-Target Neighborhoods where about 20% were female

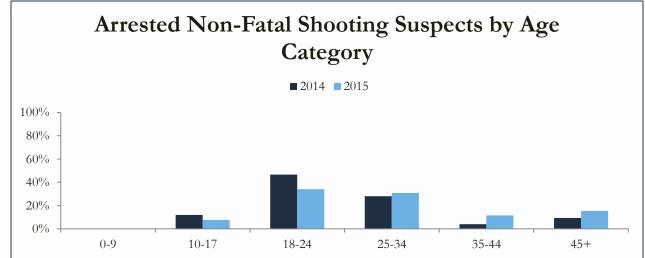




Arrested Non-Fatal Shooting Suspects' Demographics

- There is no significant difference in the proportion of arrested female non-fatal shooting suspects in 2015 compared to 2014
- The proportion of arrested non-fatal shooting suspects aged 24 and younger decreased by 16 percentage points under 2014

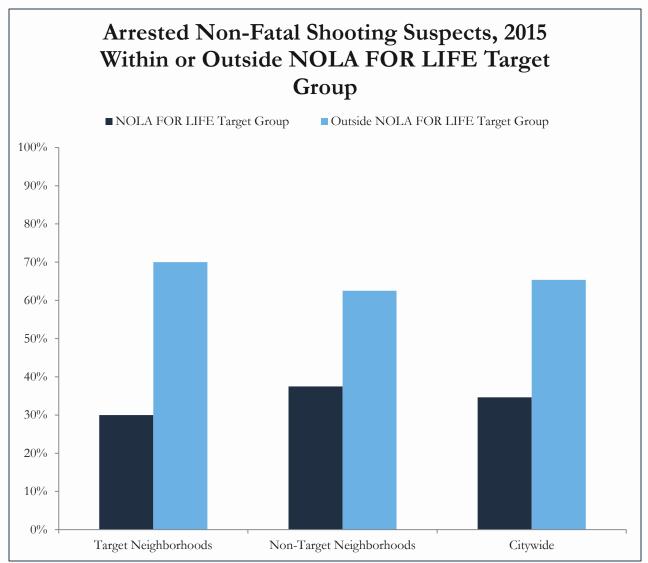






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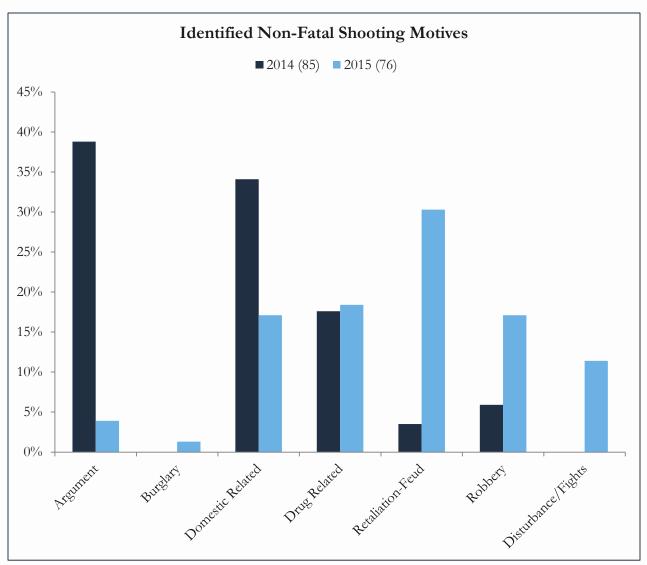
- Sixty-five percent of arrested non-fatal shooting suspects did not fit the NOLA FOR LIFE target group of African-American males aged 16-24
- Arrested non-fatal shooting suspects in both Target and Non-Target Neighborhoods were more likely to be outside the NOLA FOR LIFE target group because they were older than 24 years old
- The average age of an arrested non-fatal shooting suspect older than the NOLA FOR LIFE target group was 30 years old





Identified Non-Fatal Shooting Motives

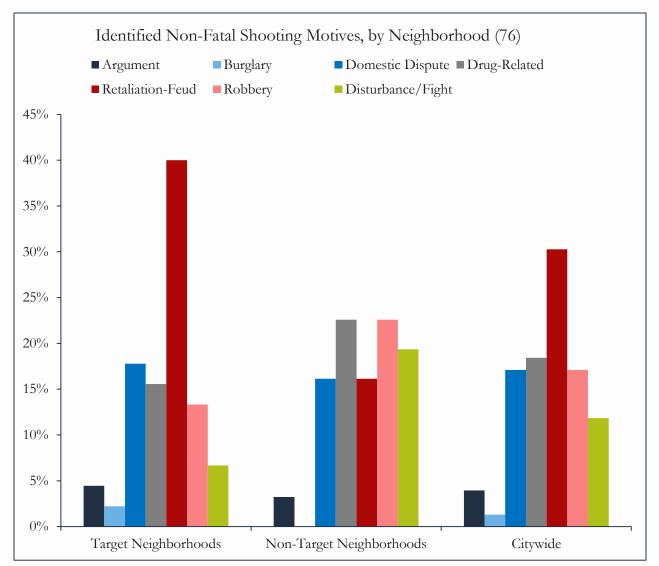
- Non-fatal shooting victims who where shot as a result of an argument or domestic related incident decreased under 2014 (-35 and -17 percentage points respectively)
- Non-fatal shooting victims shot as a result of retaliations or feuds, robberies, and general disturbances and fights have shown large increases over 2014 (+26, +11, and +11 percentage points respectively)





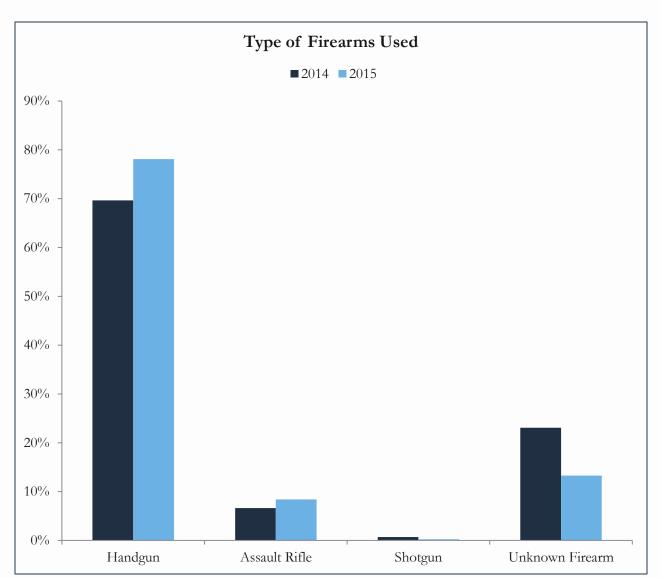
Identified Non-Fatal Shooting Motives

- Thirty percent (30%) of all identified motives for non-fatal shooting victims were the result of a retaliation or feud
- The plurality of non-fatal shooting victims in Target Neighborhoods were shot as a result of a retaliation or feud
- The plurality of non-fatal shooting victims in Non-Target Neighborhoods were equally likely to be shot for drug involvement or while being robbed



Non-Fatal Shooting Weapons

- Similar to 2014, handguns were the most commonly used firearm in non-fatal shootings
- The use of assault rifles increased 2 percentage points over 2014





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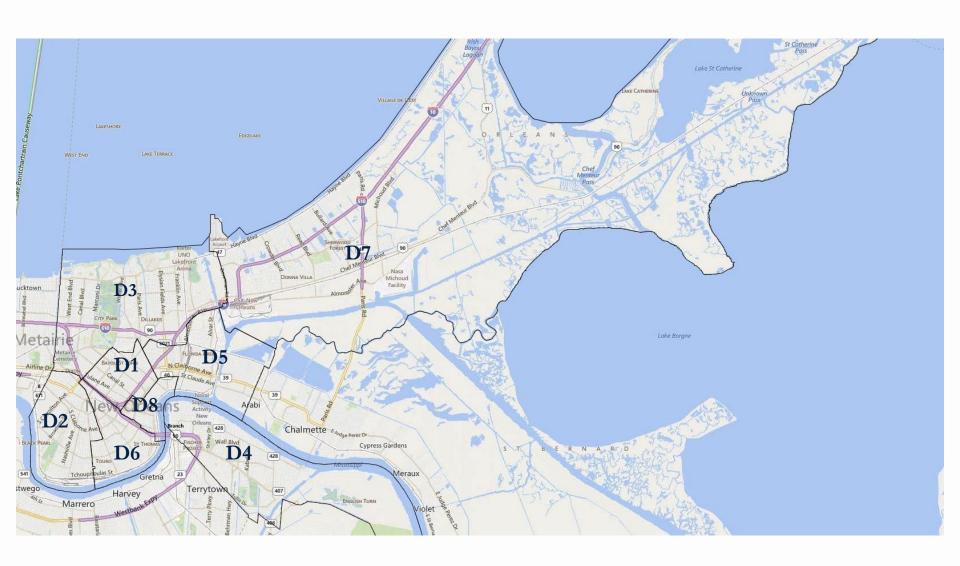
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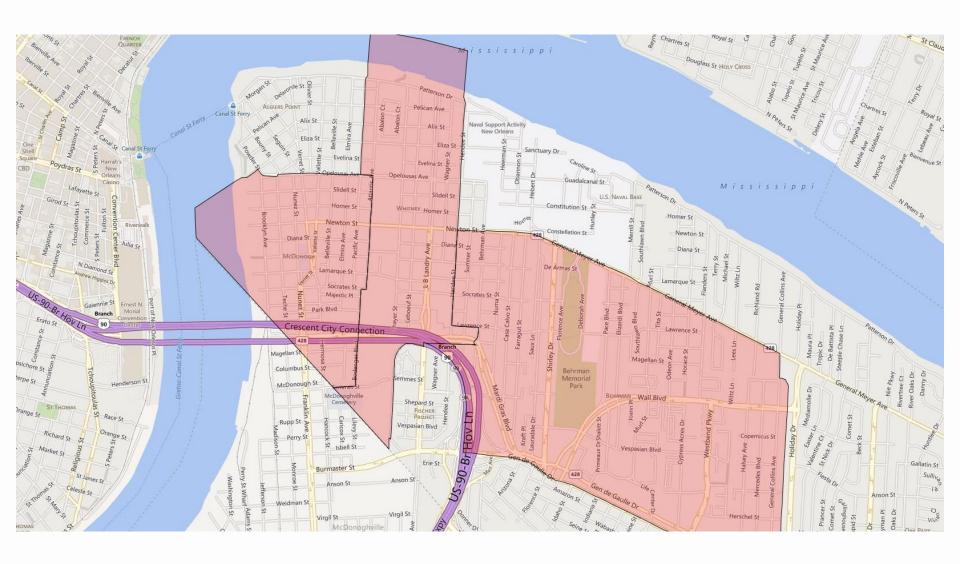


NOPD Districts





NOLA FOR LIFE Target Area: Behrman Area



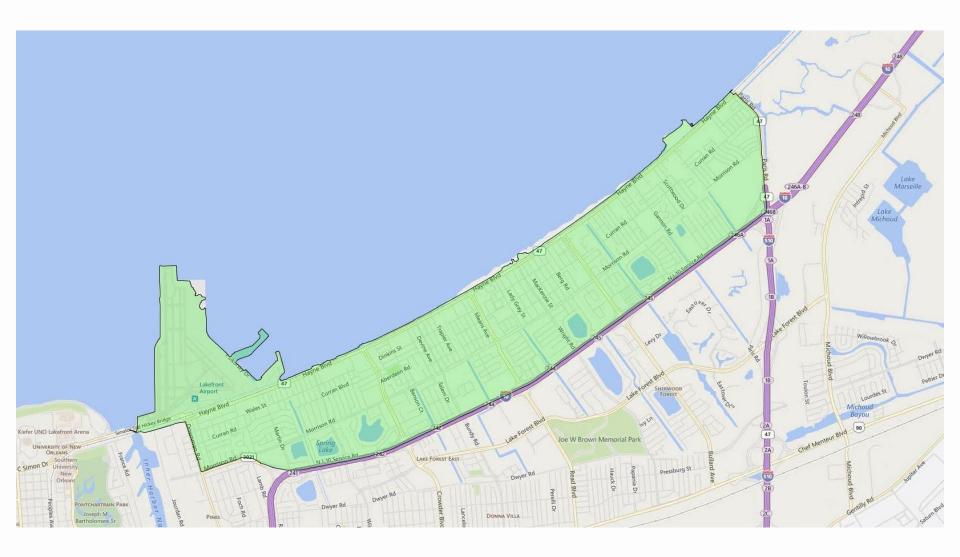


NOLA FOR LIFE Target Area: Central City





NOLA FOR LIFE Target Area: Little Woods





NOLA FOR LIFE Target Area: St. Roch Area



